March 9, 2015 3791 Congress St. Fairfield, CT 06824

Dear Education Committee,

I am a parent and teacher who is very concerned with funding the Connecticut Gifted and Talented programs. I am asking that you support the Senate Bill No. 1055, an act concerning Gifted and Talented Students.

If we commit ourselves to providing a fair education for all, not excluding any student with exceptions, then it is incumbent upon us to provide for all those students who bracket the main stream, both at the lower as well as the higher end of achievement.

The seeds of curiosity and broad thinking start at an early age. It is not a "nice to have"; it is imperative that we meet the needs of those students who are not having all their needs met in the general classroom.

I am a voting and concerned citizen and I encourage you to fully support this bill.

Sincerely,

Celeste Hilton Fairfield, CT